

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims, as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of producing a hose-like knitted product ~~knitwear, so as of a sock, etc.,~~ which ~~knitwear~~ is closed at one end ~~[[by]]~~ using a one-cylinder circular knitting machine provided with ~~[[an]]~~ a dial plate ~~that is~~ situated above a needle cylinder, the dial plate being ~~[[and]]~~ equipped with dial sinkers in operative arrangement ~~to be used for co-operation with a plurality of needles of the circular knitting machine during make-up and transferring the knitwear,~~ the plurality of needles being divided into a first half-circle of needles and a second half-circle of needles, a first half of dial sinkers (4) being located on one side of the dial plate corresponding to the first half-circle of needles and a second half of dial sinkers (4') being located on the other side of the dial plate corresponding to the second half-circle of needles, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

~~characterized in that at first performing make-up of [[the]]knitting loops defining~~ a toe portion of the knitted product ~~knitting on the first half-circle of needles (1) and the first half of dial sinkers (4) corresponding to the heel part of the knitwear is carried out;~~

~~whereafter,~~ knitting a number of courses in reverse run with the first half-circle of needles to form a~~[[the]]~~ toe pouch (V) is knitted in reverse run on the first half-circle of the needles (1), with the knitting loops on one edge of the toe pouch (V) being retained on the first half of dial sinkers (4);

retracting the first half of dial sinkers (4) inward to transfer ~~and the part of the knitwear, which is retained~~ the knitting loops on the retained edge on dial sinkers (4), ~~having been knitted on the first half-circle of needles (1), is transferred onto~~ to corresponding loop retaining ends on ~~transferring means (5,6,51,61)~~ with the loop

retaining ends pointing toward the first half-circle of needles radially in a semi-circular pattern and the transferring means in operative arrangement with the first half dial sinkers (4), the transfer means being pivotable about a transverse axis; [[and]]

overturning the transferring means about the pivotal axis thereof such that the loop retaining ends are pointing toward the second half-circle of needles and the transferring means is in operative engagement with the second half of dial sinkers (4'):

extending the second half of dial sinkers (4') outward to engage and carry the knitted loops of the retained edge to a position over the respective ones of the second half-circle of needles;

actuating the second half-circle of needles to engage the respective knitted loops of the retained edge; and

continue knitting from the edges of the toe pouch simultaneously with at least one of the first half-circle of needles and the first half-circle of needles to form the knitted product

~~it is transferred towards the second half of the dial sinkers (4'), whereafter, it is transferred on them and from them it is then transferred to the corresponding needles (1) of the second half-circle.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
wherein the part of the knitwear retained knitted loops of the retained edge disposed
on the first half of dial sinkers (4) ~~[[is]]~~ are taken off the dial sinkers (4) by the
transferring means (5,6,51,61) ~~[[and]]~~ wherein the transferring means ~~[[it]]~~
is overturned ~~[[by]]~~ 180° by them towards the second half of ~~[[the]]~~ dial sinkers (4'), and
~~wherein which~~ the second half of dial sinkers (4') take ~~[[it]]~~ the knitted loops of the
retained edge off the transferring means (5,6,51,61) and then it is ~~ransferred from the~~

~~dial sinkers (4') of the second half-circle,~~ transfer the knitted loops of the retained edge [[onto]] to the needles (1) of the second half-circle of needles.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A method of claim 1, ~~wherein characterized in that~~ by retracting the first half of ~~[[the]]~~ dial sinkers (4) with the knitted loops of the retained edge knitwear part towards inward, a smaller diameter the knitted loops are taken off and ~~hanged on the working~~ detachably attached to the loop retaining ends of the transferring means (5,6,51,61), and after overturning the transferring means by 180 degrees, the second half of dial sinkers (4') is extended and the knitted loops of the retained edge ~~the knitting~~ are taken off the ~~working loop retaining ends~~ of the transferring means (5,6,51,61) and the knitted loops of the retained edge [[they]] are subsequently transferred to a position over above the respective ones of needles (1) of the second half-circle of needles, which ~~needles then lift upward and take it over~~ engage the knitted loops of the retained edge.

Claims 4-6 (cancelled).

Claim 7 (new): A method of claim 1, wherein the courses knitted by the first half of dial sinkers (4) correspond to a heel part of the knitted product.

Claim 8 (new): A method of claim 1, wherein the knitted product is a sock.